



# TSÚŪT'INÀ XÀKÚJAGHÁ YĪNÁ TSUUT'INA NATION XÀKÍJÍ UWA XÀKÚJÁÁ YĪNÁ

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## TSUUT'INA POLITICAL POSITION

Xakiji uwa Xakuja Yina stand united on our position regarding Alberta's referendum.

Our position is grounded in our Treaty relationship with the Crown. Treaty predates the creation of the Province of Alberta. The Tsuut'ina Nation has publicly maintained that the Treaty relationship is with the Crown and not something that can be altered by provincial legislation or political movements.

The Tsuut'ina Nation does not accept that a provincial referendum can determine, alter, diminish, or redefine our Treaty relationship, our Inherent Rights, or the relationship established between our ancestors and the Crown.

The question being presented to Albertans asks voters to choose between Alberta remaining a province of Canada or directing the Government of Alberta to begin the legal process required to hold a future binding referendum on separation.

Our Treaty relationship must be respected and protected.

At the same time, we recognize that Tsuut'ina Citizens may choose to exercise their individual right to participate in the provincial referendum. For Citizens who choose to vote, we strongly encourage you to vote in support of Alberta remaining within Canada, and to vote NO to separation by selecting Option one (1) on Question 10.

Our Nation has endured because our people have remained strong in protecting Treaty, our lands, our rights, and our responsibilities to future generations. We will continue to uphold that responsibility.

Our Treaty relationship is not for Alberta to redefine. Our Treaty is not subject to a provincial referendum.

We therefore stand together in opposing Alberta separation and encourage Tsuut'ina Citizens who have chosen to participate in the referendum to make their voices heard and vote NO to separation.

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Head Chief and Minor Chiefs  
Tsuut'ina Nation